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Introducing City's New Liaison to Neighborhoods



Liliana Schuett, Neighborhood & Volunteer Manager

Neighborhood Partnerships and Volunteer Services, a division of the Community Initiatives Department, is a resource for neighborhoods acting as a bridge between citizens and their government. Liliana Schuett, the Neighborhood & Volunteer Manager was hired in January 2004 to encourage and mobilize neighborhoods to form Neighborhood Associations and to support HOA's through education and collaboration.

Schuett, who came to Goodyear from the Town of Gilbert where she also developed a neighborhood and volunteer program, is also charged with organizing citizen volunteer groups to help the community and serve as a resource for community volunteer projects. (See related story on page 3.)

Her primary focus this year is assisting two neighborhood target areas, Historic Goodyear and Wildflower Ranch HOA. She is partnering with the residents to revive the Historic Goodyear

September 7, 2004

Goodyear is Having a Special Election!

The voters are being asked to vote on 12 amendments to the Goodyear City Charter; six bond questions seeking to increase the City's General Obligation Revenue Bonding Authorization; and two franchise questions for a contract for gas and electric service.

The Charter for the City of Goodyear is like the constitution for the state -- it governs the way the city is run. Any changes (amendments) to the Charter are required by law to have voter approval.

An 10-member citizen committee recommended amending the 1988 Charter since some laws have changed to over-ride the Charter and administrative changes have occurred that needed to be incorporated into the document.

A n 18-member, City Council-appointed Citizen Bond Committee recommended seeking voter approval for increased bonding

(borrowing) capacity in order to build needed infrastructure such as streets, parks, open space, recreational and fire facilities.

The two Franchise questions are related to 25-year agreements with Arizona Public Service and Southwest Gas Company that are expiring and need voter approval for renewal.



Go to the City's website: www.goodyearaz.gov for a detailed list of the ballot propositions. The publicity pamphlet that explains each proposition will be mailed the last week in August.

An Early Ballot Request Form is included on page 3 for your convenience. Early ballots will be mailed out after August 6.

Neighborhood Alliance and assist them in mobilizing together to improve their area, build relationships among neighbors, and gain a formal historic identification. In Wildflower Ranch she is partnering with the residents to create a plan of action to tackle on-going neighborhood concerns.

According to Schuett, "As we go forward with these programs, our

citizens will have the opportunity to participate and create strategies to ensure that Goodyear will stand ready for tomorrow's challenges and opportunities."

"I am excited about the opportunity to use my knowledge of neighborhoods and skills in mobilizing communities to assist the growing community of Goodyear," she added.



Mayor Jim Cavanaugh

Mayor - Updates on Several Topics

Students at Millennium High School recently brought distinction to our City by winning the Arizona A4 state soccer championship with a 24-0 record for the season. The entire team and its coaches attended an April City Council meeting where I had the honor of accepting a silver soccer ball on behalf of our City that had been autographed by all team members. The



Millennium High State Soccer Champions

ball now has a place of honor in a special display case in City Hall.

It takes a lot of hard work, dedication, and heart to win game after game all the way to a championship. It takes a special type of student to fulfill their academic requirements while also making the effort necessary to be a winning athlete. I'm sure every Goodyear resident joins me in congratulating the Millennium High School soccer team on its great accomplishment. We thank them for setting a fine example for other young adults.

Speaking of honors, the City of Goodyear recently named Brig. General Philip Breedlove its "Person of the Year for 2003." Each year at the SW Valley

Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner, the City bestows its "Person of the Year" honor upon the person who has done the most to make Goodyear a better community.

I am pleased and honored to have presented this year's award to Gen.

Breedlove, commander of the 56th Fighter Wing at Luke Air Force Base for his leadership, insight, direction and dedication to protecting the mission of Luke.

During his two years at Luke, Gen. Breedlove participated in regional partnerships with the City of Goodyear and other municipalities, landowners, government entities and federal congressional representatives.

We are greatly appreciative of Breedlove's efforts to safeguard Luke while respecting the rights of Goodyear landowners and his support of creative land exchanges and acquisitions to protect the southern takeoff and landing corridor within Goodyear from incompatible uses. By protecting Luke's mission, Breedlove helped preserve this essential economic cornerstone for the City of Goodyear, the Southwest Valley and the State of Arizona.

Periodically, we ask citizens to be on committees to help us on special city projects. Recently, the Citizen Bond Committee studied the City's funding capacity for needed capital improvements and determined that voters needed to approve \$134 million in additional bonding capacity in six categories for future needs. We also formed a citizen Charter Amendment Committee to study the charter that was adopted in 1988.

This committee recommended 12 amendments which must be approved by voters. In order to seek needed voter approval for the bond and charter propositions, a special election will be held this fall. (See article - Page 1.)



Mayor presents Brig. Gen. Philip Breedlove with award

I'd like to thank the committee members for their hard work and dedication. The Council relies heavily on such citizen committees to thoroughly research complex issues and make solid recommendations that help us make informed decisions

enhancing our community.

We are always looking for new people to be on committees. If you are interested, please call Community Initiatives (623)882-7808 or download a Public Service Interest Form (PSIF) from our website : www.goodyearaz.gov. Please apply! We need you!

Jim

Holiday Schedule

Mon., July 5
Fourth of July Holiday

- City Hall closed -

Contained Trash

No service. Monday routes will be collected Tuesday. Tuesday routes will be collected Wednesday.

Uncontained Trash

No service. Monday routes will be collected the following Monday.

Goodyear City Council



(L to R): Sue Linney, Vice Mayor Dick Sousa, Fred Scott, Mayor Jim Cavanaugh, Rob Antoniak, Ken Porter and Frank Cavalier.

Council Calendar

City Council Meetings and Work Sessions are held at the Goodyear Justice Facility, 986 S. Litchfield Rd.

Mon., June 14

Work Session - 5 p.m.
Council Meeting - 6 p.m.

Mon., June 21

Work Session - 5 p.m.

Mon., June 28

Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.

Thurs., Aug. 5

Public Meeting

to present September
election ballot
propositions
6:30 p.m.

PebbleCreek Ballroom
Clubhouse Drive

Open to all Goodyear residents



**Cowboy Codey
Sez:**

*Learn what can
be put out for
bulk pick-up*

There are some things that you can't leave out for bulk pick-up. Building materials must be hauled away by the owner or contractor. Residential owners may dispose of small amounts of building materials as long as it is placed in a container and contains no concrete, masonry or dirt.

90 Days for City Sewer Rate Appeal

Because there is no way to measure how many gallons of water a household sends into the sewer system, Goodyear bases its estimate on your household's water consumption. Each year in May, your sewer bill is adjusted based on your actual water usage during the months of January, February and March.

If your water usage is **under** the assumed monthly minimum usage rate (2400 gallons per month), an adjustment will **not** be considered for your sewer rate. However, if your monthly water usage is **over** the minimum monthly usage assumed for your household occupancy, you may wish to have the City consider a sewer rate adjustment. Your higher water consumption may be due to water used to fill a swimming pool or water outdoor landscaping. Since this water did not go down the drain, you do not need to pay a sewer fee on it.

A Sewer Fee Adjustment Self-Audit Form is available on-line at www.goodyearaz.gov or from the City's Customer Counter at 190 N. Litchfield Rd. Mail the completed form to: *City of Goodyear, Attn. Sewer Rate Appeal, P.O. Box 5100, Goodyear, AZ 85338*. Completed forms must be received no later than 90 days after the end of the billing period in dispute (May 30, 2004). The City will mail a decision within 30 business days advising whether an adjustment will be made.

This does not apply to Goodyear residents who live north of I-10 because they receive water and sewer services from LPSCO.

If questions, call 623-932-3015.



Registered Voters! Vote-By-Mail!

Goodyear Special Election - Sept. 7, 2004 Request for Early Ballot

●No Driving ●No Parking ●No Waiting

To order: Fill out this application entirely. Cut it out, place a stamp on it and mail it. It's as easy as that! Your ballot will arrive in the mail.

Please Print

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ Apt. # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birth date ____/____/____ State of Birth _____

Signature Required _____

If you need a second ballot request for another voter in your household, watch for one in your next municipal utility bill.

Recycling Fast Facts



- ♦ If one days worth of all morning newspapers in the U.S. were recycled, 41,000 trees and 6 million tons of waste would be diverted from landfills
- ♦ Recycled paper is used for insulation and padding, flooring, gypsum wall board, flower pots, and paper egg cartons

(Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)

Job Openings

Visit the City of Goodyear Web site at www.goodyearaz.gov or call the City's 24-hour hotline, **623-932-1716**, for job listings. Goodyear accepts applications only for open positions. The Human Resources Office is located at 190 N. Litchfield Rd. Phone 623-882-7752. TTY 623-932-6500. **EEO/M/F/V/H/D.**

Don't Over Water During the Heat of June

In June, the average temperature in Goodyear heats up to over 100 degrees. Of course, this is what we call *a dry heat!* The typical relative humidity in June averages only 12% with only one rainy day!

While your outdoor plants may need more water in the heat, do not over water the plants. Over watering can be as hard on plants as under watering. Instead, deep-water your plants. Deep watering means watering your plants below the root system to encourage plant roots to grow in deeper, cooler soil. Watering the surface causes the roots to remain shallow, and the plant can burn in the summer heat. Check with your local nursery for watering guides and schedules for June or request a copy of the current Xeriscape book from Water Management at 623-932-3010.



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Welcome Improvements Coming to Litchfield Rd.

Improvements, including a rubberized asphalt overlay, traffic signal optimization and median landscaping, are underway on Litchfield Road.

During these improvements, Litchfield Road will never be completely closed; however, traffic delays and restrictions will occur during the 2-month project. A minimum of one lane in each direction will be provided at all times. To avoid delays, drivers can utilize the recently completed Estrella Parkway, Dysart Road, or other available alternate routes.

The first phase of the project includes laying a new, rubberized asphalt surface on Litchfield Road between Indian School and Yuma roads.

The second improvement includes improving the efficiency of traffic flow along Litchfield Road from MC 85 on the south to Wigwam Road on the North, including the I-10 interchange ramp intersections. Preference will be given to traffic traveling on Litchfield Road. Improvements should be operational by July 2004.

The third Litchfield Road improvement project is the landscaping of the median between Indian School Road and Wigwam Boulevard.



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